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PATTIE, IN MARCH 17 FINANCIAL TIMES OF LONDON

1. THE LONDON FINANCIAL TIMES OF MARCH 17 PUBLISHED A LETTER
HEADED "ALTERNATIVES TO AWACS" FROM MR. GEOFFREY PATTIE,
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT. PARAGRAPH 2 BELOW CONSISTS OF
THE CENTRAL PARAGRAPH OF THAT LETTER.

2. BEGIN TEXT: EVEN A CURSORY EXAMINATION WOULD REVEAL
THAT THERE ARE NOT ONE, BUT TWO, ALTERNATIVE SYSTEMS TO
AWACS ALREADY IN EXISTENCE. IN ADDITION TO THE BRITISH
NIMROD SYSTEM, THERE IS THE AMERICAN GRUMMAN E2-C HAWK-
EYE SYSTEM WHICH HAS BEEN IN SERVICE FOR SOME YEARS BUT
WHICH DOES NOT EVEN RATE A MENTION IN YOUR ARTICLE. IT
IS PERFECTLY FEASIBLE FOR THE UK TO OPERATE ITS NIMROD
AEW AIRCRAFT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE E2-C COVERING
THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE. THESE SYSTEMS CAN BE
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INTER-OPERABLE AND WOULD PROVIDE 9 NIMROD AIRCRAFT
AND 23 E2-C AIRCRAFT AT A COST LESS THAN HALF OF
AWACS. THE FACT THAT GRUMMAN REPRESENTATIVES WERE
ALLOWED TO DISCUSS THEIR PROJECT WITH THE CONSERVATIVE
PARLIAMENTARY AVIATION COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY NIGHT,
ALBEIT WITH MEMBERS OF THE US EMBASSY PRESENT, IS
AN INDICATION WHAT IN THAT QUARTER AT LEAST, THERE IS
RECOGNITION THAT THE WRITING IS NOW ON THE WALL FOR
AWACS. END TEXT. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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